

THE UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
announces a

← **PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR OPERABLE UNIT 2**  
and  
**CHANGES TO THE GROUNDWATER REMEDY**  
**FOR OPERABLE UNIT 1**

for the  
**Pagel's Pit Superfund Site**  
**Winnebago County, Illinois**



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a cleanup plan for Operable Unit 2 (OU 2) and changes to the groundwater remedy for Operable Unit 1 (OU 1) for the Pagel's Pit Superfund (Pagel's Pit) site, Winnebago County, Illinois. Based on the information available at this time, EPA believes these proposed remedies are protective of human health and the environment, comply with all applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, are cost-effective, and utilize permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies to the maximum extent practicable.

**Proposed Cleanup Plan for OU 2:** EPA has proposed that a "no action" alternative be used for the groundwater in the southeast corner of the Pagel's Pit site. This area is referred to as OU 2.

**Proposed Remedy Change for OU 1:** EPA has re-evaluated its 1991 cleanup remedy for the groundwater at the western end of the landfill. This area is part of OU 1. EPA proposes that the remedy for the groundwater in this area be changed to monitored natural attenuation.

EPA has determined that these proposed remedies are the best course of action for cleaning up the groundwater at OU 2 and OU 1 because of the following information:

- A pump-and-treat system installed between the Acme Solvent Superfund site and the Pagel's Pit site has decreased contamination levels in the groundwater of OU 2 and OU 1.
- The capping and leachate removal required by the 1991 cleanup remedy for the landfill at the Pagel's Pit site should reduce or eliminate leakage of leachate from the landfill to the groundwater of OU 2 and OU 1.
- Deed restrictions on the OU 2 and OU 1 properties will prevent use of the groundwater as a drinking water source.
- A new landfill being developed south of the current landfill will further restrict possible future use of the OU 2 property.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

EPA will consider public comments on the proposed cleanup plans during a comment period from **August 13, 1999 to September 11, 1999**.

Comments may be sent to EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Gordon Blum at the address listed below. **All comments must be postmarked no later than September 11, 1999.** EPA will consider all comments before making a final decision.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

EPA will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed cleanup plans. The meeting will give the community a chance to learn more about the proposed plans, ask questions, and submit oral and written comments. **The public meeting is scheduled for August 25, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Winthrop Room, 3909 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Copies of documents supporting EPA's proposals, as well as other site information, are available at the following information repositories:

**Rockford Public Library**  
215 North Wyman Street  
Rockford, IL 61101

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**  
Region 5 Records Center  
77 West Jackson Boulevard, 7th Floor  
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